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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The recent antitrust case settlement has been dragged out way too long. I am glad to see that Microsoft will not be broken up, because that would be detrimental to the country's tech sector. I think many of the concessions Microsoft will be making violate other laws.

Prohibiting Microsoft from entering into exclusive third party agreements will inhibit their ability to gain market share. All companies try to force distributors into exclusive agreements whereby they promote one product or another. That is how Pepsi and Coca-Cola operate.

The best interests of the American public will be served when the government stops messing with the private sector and allows Microsoft to focus on innovation of new technology instead of political warfare. I urge your office to take corrective steps in this matter.

Sincerely,



Norman Nardo

cc: Senator Rick Santorum